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Example of Significant PI Support

1. During April 1961 a photo interpretation officer from CIA/PID(NPIC) was assigned temporarily to [] to provide photo intelligence support to the Air Operations Branch of DPD/DDP during the Bay of Pigs exercise. It was the primary duty of the PI to brief air staff personnel and aircraft crews on target materials, debrief aircraft crews after a mission, and to maintain current situation boards and maps. The target material had been prepared by PID in the months preceeding April. The current situation material posted consisted mainly of immediate photo interpretation reports prepared in the continental U.S. under PID direction and cabled directly to [] The direct communications link enabled the PI at [] to receive immediate response to queries that developed during the height of the operation

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